AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material for constituting electrode layers of a laminate dielectric device produced by at least the steps of alternately laminating ceramic layers containing lead as a constituent component and the electrode layers, and degreasing and baking the laminate, wherein said electrode paste material contains not less than 40 wt% but not greater than 77.5 wt% CuO as a principal component of a starting material of an electrically conductive material, a solvent, a binder, and a cooperative material ~~having substantially the same composition~~ mainly made of an oxide having a $Pb(Zr,Ti)0_3$ perovskite structure as said ceramic layer.

2. Canceled.

3. Canceled.

4. Canceled.

5. (Previously Presented) An electrode paste material according to claim 1, wherein the content of said cooperative material is not less than 1 wt% but not greater than 15 wt%.

6.-13. Canceled.

14. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material for constituting electrode layers of a laminate dielectric device produced by at least the steps of alternately laminating ceramic layers mainly made of an oxide having a $Pb(Zr,Ti)0_3$ perovskite structure and the electrode layers, and degreasing and baking the laminate, wherein said electrode paste material contains CuO and Cu as principal components of a starting material of an electrically conductive material, a solvent, a binder, and a cooperative material consisting of at least one of the main components

constituting said ceramic layer, wherein the total content of CuO and Cu is not less than 40 wt% but not greater than 77.5 wt% calculated to CuO in terms of the ratio of the molecular weight and the content of said cooperative material is greater than 0.5 wt% but less than 25 wt%.

15. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material according to claim 14, wherein said cooperative material ~~has substantially the same composition~~is mainly made of an oxide having a $Pb(Zr,Ti)0_3$ perovskite structure as said ceramic layer.

16.-17. Canceled.

18. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material according to claim ~~16~~14, wherein the content of said cooperative material is not less than 1 wt% but not greater than 15 wt%.

19.-26. Canceled.

27. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material for constituting electrode layers of a laminate dielectric device produced by at least the steps of alternately laminating ceramic layers containing lead as a constituent component and the electrode layers, and degreasing and baking the laminate, wherein said electrode paste material contains CuO as a principal component of a starting material of an electrically conductive material, a solvent, a binder, and a cooperative material ~~having substantially the same composition~~mainly made of an oxide having a $Pb(Zr,Ti)0_3$ perovskite structure as said ceramic layer, wherein the content of CuO is ~~greater than 30 wt% but less than 82.5 wt%~~not less than 40 wt% but not greater than 77.5 wt%, and the content of said cooperative material is greater than 0.5 wt% but less than 25 wt%.

28. Canceled.

29. (Previously Presented) An electrode paste material according to claim 27, wherein the content of said cooperative material is not less than 1 wt% but not greater than 15 wt%.

30. (Currently Amended) An electrode paste material for constituting electrode layers of a laminate dielectric device produced by at least the steps of alternately laminating ceramic layers mainly made of an oxide having a $Pb(Zr,Ti)O_3$ perovskite structure and the electrode layers, and degreasing and baking the laminate, wherein said electrode paste material contains CuO and Cu as principal components of a starting material of an electrically conductive material, a solvent, a binder, and a cooperative material ~~having substantially the same composition~~mainly made of an oxide having a $Pb(Zr,Ti)0_3$ perovskite structure as said ceramic layer, wherein the total content of CuO and Cu is ~~greater than 30 wt% but less than 82.5 wt%~~not less than 40 wt% but not greater than 77.5 wt% calculated to CuO in terms of the ratio of the molecular weight, and the content of said cooperative material is greater than 0.5 wt% but less than 25 wt%.

31. Canceled.

32. (Previously Presented) An electrode paste material according to claim 30, wherein the content of said cooperative material is not less than 1 wt% but not greater than 15 wt%.